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1. At a small electric works near Pouchin in the Buchmerwald, large vacuum tubes reportedly used for broadcasting stations are brought regularly, to be refilled (sic). The tubes are 60 to 70 centimeters high. In the near future the electrical works will probably supply current for high-tension border obstacles.
2. Anti-aircraft gun emplacements have been observed on the right side of the railroad tracks from Prague to Hostivar, at a point just beyond the railroad station in Hostivar. The emplacements are constantly manned.
3. Dares stores were abolished in April 1953. Special shops for police and high party officials have been set up in the last two months. These shops are not specifically marked as such and are usually to be found on the top floors of apartment houses.
4. A new bridge for vehicular traffic is under construction on the south edge of Pachtin. The bridge, which has a concrete road bed and two lanes, crosses the Vltava at this point. The bridge has four spans, is of steel construction, has a steel framework and is covered with concrete. It is about 80 percent complete. A new concrete four-lane autobahn leading from Prague south along the Vltava ends at the bridge. Further construction is underway.
5. SSB traffic police in Prague have new dark blue uniforms with red epaulets.
6. In the Morevska Ostrava area individual plants have been ordered to allot money from their budgets for civilian anti-aircraft defense purposes. In one large cooperative 1,000 Kcs. (pre-currency reform) were set aside for this purpose.

1. Comment. Possibly Boubin (X 50/Q 39), near Horazdovice.

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